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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Farzan Rastinejad, et al.:

APPLICATION NO.: 09/863,976 : Examiner: Delacroix Muirhei, Cybille
FILING DATE: May 23, 2001 : Group Art Unit: 1614
TITLE: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS :
FOR RESTORING
CONFORMATIONAL STABILITY
OF A PROTEIN OF THE P53
FAMILY

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Preliminary Remarks

The present Reply with Amendment is in response to the non-final Official Action herein of June 3, 2004. Presently, claims 26-56 are pending, although Claim 56 is withdrawn from consideration. Claims 26-45, 47, and 54 remain rejected, and Claims 46, 48-53, and 55 are only objected to.

The present application (in which the claims are directed to screening methods to identify new compounds useful in the treatment of diseases including cancer) is a continuation of U.S. application 09/443,542. In the pending '542 application, the claims are primarily directed to treatment of cancer via the methodology of stabilizing p53 conformation with organic compounds (this application is now pending before Examiner Gregory W. Mitchell).

In regard of the restriction/election status of the claims, Applicants request clarification of the Examiner's understanding of the present circumstance. The sentence at Page 2, lines 4-5, of the Official Action to the effect that "Applicant's election of Group I with further election of spectroscopy, without traverse is acknowledged" does not exactly reflect Applicants' understanding of current status. Although Group I has indeed been elected without traverse, there has been no "election of spectroscopy without traverse".